

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on March 3, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: Rep. John L. Holden (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 646, 2/22/1999
SB 111, 2/22/1999
SB 151, 2/22/1999
SB 159, 2/22/1999

Executive Action:

HB 646 - Table
HB 60 - Table
HB 68 - Table
HB 358 - Table
HB 569 - Do Pass

HEARING ON HB 646

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Dick Haines, House District 63.

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Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

Vickie Zeier, Missoula County Treasurer

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Sue Haverfield, Flathead County Clerk and Recorder

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 646

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Rose MOVED to TABLE HB 646. On a voice vote, the MOTION PASSED, 20 - 0.

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HEARING ON SB 111

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Senate District 40 EXHIBIT(tah48a01)

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Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

George Bennett, Montana Bankers Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.3}

Informational Testimony:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue EXHIBIT(tah48a02), EXHIBIT(tah48a03), EXHIBIT(tah48a04), and EXHIBIT(tah48a05)

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Bill Squires, Montana Telecommunications Association

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

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HEARING ON SB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Daryl Toews, Senate District 48

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.7}

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

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Chairman Hibbard made a statement regarding the methods used in making reimbursements to counties.

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Rep. Emily Swanson discussed the various methods of county reimbursement as set out in HB 20, HB 417, SB 200 and SB 260.

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Rep. Harper advised the Committee on the methods to be used for requesting a committee bill.

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Discussion:

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Motion/Vote:

Rep. Rose MOVED to direct staff to draft a committee bill relating to reimbursement to counties. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

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Chairman Hibbard appointed a sub-committee to work on the issue. Sub-Committee members are Rep. Story, Chairman, Guggenheim, Hanson, Rehbein, Erickson, and Gillan. Rep. Hibbard will serve as an ex officio member of the sub-committee.

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HEARING ON SB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Gerry Devlin, Senate District 2

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1}

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue

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Vickie Zeier, Missoula County Treasurer

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.7}

Sue Haverfield, Flathead County Clerk and Recorder

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Jane Jelenski, Montana Association of Counties

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.1}

Cort Harrington, Montana Association of County Treasurers

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.5}

Informational Testimony:

Dave Mott, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 60

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Rehbein MOVED to TABLE HB 60. On a voice vote, the MOTION PASSED, 17 - 3. Dale, Erickson and Beck voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 68

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Hanson MOVED to TABLE HB 68. On a voice vote, the MOTION PASSED unanimously, 20 - 0.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.3}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 358

Motion:

Rep. Harrington MOVED DO PASS on HB 358.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.8}

Motion:

Rep. Harrington MOVED amendments to HB 358 DO PASS.

EXHIBIT(tah48a06)

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Discussion:

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Vote:

The MOTION PASSED 17 - 3. Story, Schmidt, Holden, Rose, Guggenheim, Jackson, Harrington, Dale, Somerville, Erickson, Beck, Fuchs, Harper, Hanson, Raney, Gillan and Hibbard voting yes; Orr, Rehbein and Davies voting yes.

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Motion:

Rep. Harrington MOVED that HB 358 as amended DO PASS.

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Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.7}

Substitute Motion:

Rep. Rehbein MOVED to TABLE HB 358. The MOTION FAILED on a 10 - 10 vote. Story, Orr, Holden, Rose, Jackson, Dale, Rehbein, Davies, Fuchs and Hanson voting yes; Schmidt, Guggenheim, Harrington, Somerville, Erickson, Beck, Harper, Raney, Gillan and Hibbard voting no.

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Discussion on the HB 358 as amended:

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Vote

The MOTION FAILED, 8 - 12. Story, Orr, Holden, Rose, Jackson, Dale, Rehbein, Davies, Fuchs, Hanson, Gillan and Hibbard voting no; Schmidt, Guggenheim, Harrington, Somerville, Erickson, Beck, Harper and Raney voting yes.

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Hanson MOVED to REVERSE THE VOTE AND TABLE THE BILL. The motion passed unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 569

Motion:

Rep. Erickson MOVED DO PASS on HB 569.

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Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16}

EXHIBIT(tah48a07) **EXHIBIT**(tah48a08)

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16}

Vote:

The **MOTION PASSED, 17 - 3.** Story, Schmidt, Holden, Rose, Guggenheim, Jackson, Harrington, Dale, Somerville, Erickson, Beck, Fuchs, Harper, Hanson, Raney, Gillan and Hibbard voting yes; Orr, Rehbein and Davies voting no.

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Adjourn.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG

EXHIBIT (tah48aad)